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Re: Marathon's Potential Responsibility for Environmental Issues at the Former Ohio Oil Company, Bristow, Oklahoma

To whom it may concern:

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is investigating a former oil refinery, which was known as Ohio Oil Company (CERCLIS # OK0001981349) located in Bristow, Oklahoma. The former refinery was investigated by DEQ in 1997 and 1998 under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), pursuant to a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The purpose of these investigations was to collect sufficient information concerning conditions at the site to assess the extent of the threat the site poses to human health and the environment.

DEQ has determined that the site was owned and operated as a refinery from approximately 1917 to 1942. Available information indicates that Marathon Oil Company owned and operated the refinery from 1923 to 1936.

The former Ohio Oil Company refinery site occupies approximately 101 acres and is located in portions of Section 20, Township 16 North, Range 9 East, Indian Meridian, Creek County, Oklahoma. The land is owned by private residents who live on the former refinery and several commercial businesses. Residents have voiced concerns over this past year about waste in their yards and about the drinking water from on-site wells. DEQ identified in 1997-1998 several areas of impacted soils and sediments on the site. There are also several areas of identified asphalt-like waste in the portion of the site formerly occupied by the refinery's tank farm and a waste pit near the railroad.



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EPA Region 6 is looking into possible connections between the Ohio Oil Company site and the Wilcox Oil Company Superfund site (EPA ID# OK0001010917), which is south and adjacent to the Ohio site. However, Region 6 has allowed DEQ an opportunity to contact the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) to discuss options available through the State of Oklahoma's clean-up program.

DEQ would like to discuss the possibility of Marathon Oil entering our Voluntary Cleanup or Brownfields Programs to address environmental contamination at the site. Enclosed is specific information indicating the location and ownership of the refinery and the connection to Marathon Oil.

Please contact me by July 1, 2015, to schedule a meeting to discuss this matter. You may reach me at (405) 702-5157 or amy.brittain@deq.ok.gov. Further information concerning DEQ's cleanup programs can be found on our website <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/index.htm>.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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